

August 25, 2014

Dear Teen 4-H Member,

CONSIDER APPLYING FOR THIS SPECIAL AWARD TRIP!

Enclosed is a copy of the **National 4-H Conference Application Form**. This conference, which focuses on leadership, public awareness and 4-H program development, takes place each spring near Washington, DC. The conference is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center located in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Six delegates are selected to attend from New Jersey each year. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return.

I believe you should consider applying for this award trip. The application process is relatively simple and is as follows:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in **Grades 10-12** as of September 2014 and between **ages 15 and 19 years** old (as of January 1, 2015).
2. Your application is due to the county 4-H office by **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**.
3. Interviews for National 4-H Conference candidates will be held on **Saturday, November 1, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM** in Martin Hall at the School of Environmental & Biological Sciences, G.H. Cook Campus, Rutgers University. *(There is no makeup date!)*

If you have questions about how to fill out the National 4-H Youth Events Application or any other details involved with the application or selection process (which is rather competitive), please contact me at Rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu or (908) 526-6644

Sincerely,



Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 2015

The 2015 National 4-H Conference will be held April 11-16 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Known as the “Secretary’s Conference,” National 4-H Conference is the premier youth development opportunity to engage youth assisting in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development Program at local, state and national levels. The conference is administered by 4-H National Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the United States Department of Agriculture.

Approximately 300 youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces are expected to attend. New Jersey will be sending a delegation of sixteen 4-H members and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2014 in order to participate in the 2015 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return.

Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available from the county 4-H office or on-line at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hconference/> **All applications are due to the county 4-H office by October 1, 2014.** Group and individual interviews will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the School of Environmental & Biological Sciences, Cook-Douglas Campus, Rutgers University.

Applications must be postmarked or received in the County 4-H office on or before October 1, 2014

New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program National 4-H Conference Application

Please complete the following information, **typed or neatly written**. Include only 4-H experiences except where specified. Record your current 4-H involvement first, followed by any significant previous experiences. Do not add any additional pages to this application. The County 4-H Agent or 4-H Program Associate will attach a cover page and forward it to the State 4-H Office. All correspondence regarding interviews and selections will come from the State 4-H Office. Please submit 2 copies plus the original.

Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____
(that matches your Photo ID)

4-H County _____ Number of years in 4-H _____ Gender: M F

Street Address _____

(Town) (Zip)

Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ Grade _____ DOB _____

Email _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s) _____

The following must be completed with appropriate signatures in order for this application to be considered for selection:

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be correct:

Signature of 4-H Member

We have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct:

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date

Signature of 4-H Leader/Volunteer working with member _____ Date

Signature of 4-H Agent/Program Associate _____ Date

Please complete the following information and attach additional pages if necessary.

4-H CLUB INFORMATION

List all 4-H clubs in which you have been a member, including Cloverbud. Begin with most recent.

Year(s) participated	Club Name(s)	List Project(s)

4-H LEADERSHIP

List all leadership activities such as chairperson, committee involvement, teen leadership, offices held, assistance with 4-H event(s), etc. *Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Activity	Describe your Responsibility

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

Type of Community Service	Your Responsibility	Community Outcome

Please complete the following information and attach additional pages if necessary.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

List any 4-H presentations you have given noting the level and type. Titles of presentations are not necessary. *Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Type of Presentation (4-H, Emcee, Club Talks, etc.)

4-H PROMOTION

List all ways that you promoted 4-H to the general public, such as presentations to outside groups, exhibits, newspaper articles, radio and television, etc.

Year	Level	Type of Promotion	Describe your Involvement

4-H RECOGNITION

List any significant awards and honors you have received. For example, county medals, project awards, special county and state awards.

*Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Award Received	Description

Please complete the following information and attach additional pages if necessary.

COUNTY 4-H PARTICIPATION

List major county events and activities, number of years you participated and any comments about the event or your participation. Include events and activities such as 4-H Camps, Fashion Revue, Specific Fair Events, Workshops, Herdsmanship, etc.

Year	Event/Activity	Comments

STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H PARTICIPATION

List State and National events and activities, number of years you participated and any comments about the event or your participation. Include events and activities such as South Jersey Teen Conference, North Jersey Teen Conference, State Teen Events, State "Project" Shows and Activities, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, etc.

Year	Event/Activity	Comments

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF 4-H

Include community groups, school, religious organizations, etc.

